



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

*Become part of the team that safeguards the financial system from the abuses of financial crime. At the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, we are at the forefront in preventing and detecting terrorist financing, money laundering, and other financial crime. Serve at the nation's financial intelligence unit and protect the United States financial system from criminals and terrorist financiers.*

**VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #** : FINCN/08-78888SDS

**OPENING DATE** : February 26, 2008

**CLOSING DATE** : March 27, 2008

**POSITION TITLE, SERIES & GRADE** : Contract Specialist, GS-1102-12/13

**PROMOTION POTENTIAL** : Full performance level is GS-13

**NUMBER OF VACANCIES** : One

**SALARY RANGE** : \$69,764.00 - \$107,854.00 per annum

**ORGANIZATION** : Department of the Treasury  
Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN)  
Management Programs Division

**DUTY STATION** : Vienna, Virginia

### APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM:

- (a) Present and former Federal employees with competitive status, OR
- (b) Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service.

**Please note that: YOU MUST SPECIFICALLY AND SEPERATELY ADDRESS:**

**(A) EACH** of the EVALUATION CRITERIA described in Section II of the announcement.

**(B) Any SELECTIVE FACTOR** (If indicated in Section I )

**IF THESE ARE NOT ADDRESSED YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE INCOMPLETE AND YOU WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

### SUMMARY OF DUTIES:

This position is for a senior Contract Specialist in the Management Programs Division of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network. Serves as a Contracting Officer and is delegated to approve a wide range of contractual agreements. Is selectively assigned responsibility for specific contracts, provides advice and guidance to less senior specialists and plays a key role in negotiations to obtain favorable prices and conditions and terms.

Participates in the development of contracting and procurement strategies and policies and in long range planning concerning technology, facilities, services and equipment, and the utilization of procurement processing and operational services from other sources. Advises management officials on procurement alternatives and requirements and non-competitive options.

Prepares comments on policy and regulatory proposals and assesses the impact on FinCEN; develops procedures, and/or guidelines; develops forms, checklists, and clearance processes to assure legal and regulatory compliance and to document required approvals.

Reviews solicitations for adherence to policies and regulations; assesses strategies; and determines that work statements fully describe the procurement objectives. Assesses the adequacy and appropriateness of sole source justifications and determines source competencies. Reviews individual procurements and overall operations in terms of meeting the requirements and objectives concerning Small and Disadvantage Business Utilization.

Conducts liaison with regulatory and oversight organizations, including GAO, OMB, and GSA and with officials in main Treasury and in the Bureau of Public Debt to discuss operational and policy developments.

Note: An individual selected at the GS-12 level, will have less responsibility for making critical contractual determinations.

## **BENEFITS**

FinCEN offers flexible work schedules, a comprehensive leave program, 10 paid holidays, financial assistance to employees who use public transportation to commute, in-house training, reimbursement for approved outside training, telework opportunities, and eligibility for performance awards. FinCEN also offers attractive health, life, and long-term care insurance programs, and the employee's health insurance contributions are out of pre-tax dollars. Newer employees are covered by a three-tier retirement plan that includes a pre-tax retirement contribution program with matching funds or, as applicable, continuance in the Civil Service Retirement System. The office is located in a modern commercial building with a health unit and a fitness center (employees pay fitness center fee). The Vienna office has free parking and shuttle service to and from the Dunn Loring Metro station. All employees are assigned individual state-of-the-art computers.

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## **SECTION I: MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS POSITION:**

### **Specialized Experience Requirement:**

**For GS-12:** Applicants must have *one year* of specialized experience at a level *equivalent to GS-11* that provided a substantive knowledge of contracting/ procurement policies and procedures to plan, analyze, and review proposed complex contractual actions that conform with regulatory requirements and procurement practices.

**Note:** U.S. Treasury Department requirements:

1. In order to carry out Contracting Officer responsibilities at Level 1b in this position, the selectee will be required to have completed courses in the basics of contracting and the principles of contract pricing and have 18 months of experience relevant to Contracting Officer responsibilities.
2. The selectee will also be required to complete 40 hours of skills currency each fiscal year and attend Simplified Acquisition training.

### **For GS-13:**

**Applicants must meet both A and B below.**

**A. Specialized experience requirement:** Applicants must have *one year* of specialized experience at a level *equivalent to GS-12* that provided a broad knowledge of contracting/ procurement policies and procedures to plan, analyze, and review proposed complex contractual actions that conform with regulatory requirements and procurement practices.

**B. Special education requirement:** Applicants must have completed a *4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree*, that included or was supplemented by at least *24 semester hours* in any combination of the following fields: accounting, business, finance, law contracts, purchasing, economics, industrial management, marketing, quantitative methods, or organization and management. Exception: Employees who have continuously encumbered GS-1102 positions since January 1, 1998 or earlier and who were in related GS-1102 positions at GS-13 or above as of January 1, 2000 will be considered to have met the standard for this position even if they have not satisfied this special education requirement.

**Note:** U.S. Treasury Department requirements:

1. In order to carry out Contracting Officer responsibilities at Level 1b in this position, the selectee will be required to have completed courses in the basics of contracting and the principles of contract pricing and have 18 months of experience relevant to Contracting Officer responsibilities.
2. The selectee will also be required to complete 40 hours of skills currency each fiscal year and attend Simplified Acquisition training.

**TRANSCRIPTS DEMONSTRATING THE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR APPLICATION. FAILURE TO PROVIDE THIS DOCUMENTATION WILL DISQUALIFY APPLICANTS FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**

**Time-in-grade Requirements:** Applicants must have acquired 52 weeks of Federal service at or equivalent to the next lower grade level no later than 30 days from the closing date of this announcement.

**U.S. Citizenship:** Applicants **MUST** be citizens of the United States and, if selected, present proof.

**Selective Service Registration:** If selected, male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System or are exempt from having to do so.

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**SECTION II: APPLICANTS WHO MEET MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS  
WILL BE RATED UNDER THE FOLLOWING "EVALUATION CRITERIA":**

1. Experience in conducting a range of complex of Federal acquisition functions – pre-award and post award, including such functions as: formal advertising, simplified acquisition processes, negotiated acquisitions, required sources of supply, contract administration, and contract termination. **(Applicants should describe their experience in these functional areas.)**
2. Experience in researching and interpreting procurement issues in Federal Acquisition Regulations, GAO decisions, and other regulatory and statutory guidance. **(Applicants should describe their experience in researching and interpreting procurement issues.)**
3. Experience in the planning and implementation for procuring information technology products and services, pre-award and post award. **(Applicants should describe their relevant experience.)**
4. Knowledge of business practices and market conditions to develop acquisition sources and experience in negotiating with vendors, evaluating bid responsiveness, and assuring contractor responsibility and performance. **(Applicants should address their experience in these areas and provide a few examples.)**
5. Advanced coursework relevant to Federal Acquisition Certification, as follows:
  - Business Solutions for Mission Support
  - Contracting
  - Contract Pricing
  - Government Contract Law
  - Other relevant contracting courses**(Applicants must specify relevant coursework completed.)**

**DO NOT** use one narrative statement to address all of the evaluation criteria. Each criteria **MUST** be addressed separately and reflect your specific experience/education that you feel equips you with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the duties of the position for which you are applying.

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**Basis of Rating:**

- Applicants will first be reviewed to determine if they meet the minimum qualification requirements in Section I.
- Those who do will be evaluated as to how well they meet the evaluation criteria in Section II.
- Applicants **MUST** provide detailed information related to the evaluation criteria in their application package in the form of clear, concise examples showing level of accomplishment and degree of responsibility.
- Applicants **MUST address each of the evaluation criteria** separately and attach it to their application/resume.
- This is a multiple grade level announcement. You should identify specifically which grade level(s) you wish to be considered for by indicating your choice(s) on your application package and addressing the appropriate evaluation criteria for each individual grade level(s).

**APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS EACH OF THE EVALUATION CRITERIA WILL BE CONSIDERED AS INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT RECEIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**

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**SECTION III: CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS VACANCY:**

**Security Clearance:** This position has been designated national security Level III, Critical Sensitive. Applicants must possess a favorably adjudicated single scope background investigation, and have been awarded a Top Secret clearance or be willing to undergo a Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI), and the SSBI must be favorably adjudicated. Failure to successfully meet these requirements will be grounds for termination. Although individuals may be appointed prior to completion or updating of a full personal history SSBI, continued employment with FinCEN is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the SSBI, the results of which fully meet the FinCEN's special employment criteria. All employees are subject to satisfactory completion of periodic reinvestigation and a continuing life style in conformity with applicable national and FinCEN directives. Any unfavorable information developed during an investigation or other official inquiry may result in termination of employment in accordance with established security policy and procedures.

**Personal Identity Verification Credential:** In accordance with Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12), the selectee(s) must be eligible to receive a Personal Identity Verification (PIV) credential. If selected, you must:

1. Present two forms of identification, of which at least one must be a valid Federal or State government issued picture ID. For a list of acceptable identification, visit <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/files/i-9.pdf>;
2. Receive a favorable background check which includes a successfully adjudicated FBI criminal history record check (fingerprint check) and a National Agency Check with Inquiries (NACI) or equivalent background investigation; and
3. Maintain eligibility for a PIV credential during your employment with the Department of the Treasury, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network as described above.

Failure to comply with the PIV credential process and if unable to verify the applicant's identity, may result in the loss of consideration for employment.

**Drug Screening:** This position is a Testing Designated Position. Satisfactory completion of the drug test is a condition of employment in this position and incumbents of this position will be, thereafter, subject to Random Drug Screening.

**Probationary Periods** – Employees who have not already completed one will need to successfully complete a one-year probationary period. Separate and apart from the general probationary period,

individuals selected for supervisory positions will need to complete a one-year supervisory probation period, including appropriate supervisory training courses.

**Statement of Employment and Financial Interest** may be required.

**Direct Deposit:** All employees are required to participate in Direct Deposit/Electronic Funds Transfer for salary payments.

**Relocation Expenses:** Will not be paid.

**Before being hired, you will be required to sign and certify the accuracy of the information in your application. If you make a false statement in any part of your application, you may not be hired or you may be removed after you begin work.**

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

### **SECTION IV: REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS**

**Current employees of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) MUST include:**

- Either the OF 612 "Optional Application for Federal Employment", resume, or other written application format; and
- Separately address each of the evaluation criteria.
- Your most recent performance appraisal.

**All other applicants MUST include:**

- Either the OF 612 "Optional Application for Federal Employment", resume, or other written application format; and
- Separately address each of the evaluation criteria; and
- Attach a copy of their most recent SF-50, Notification of Personnel Action, or equivalent proof of current or prior competitive status; and
- If you are a Veteran, submit a copy of your DD-214.
- Your most recent performance appraisal.

**Please download, complete, and submit the following optional forms:**

- SF-181, Race & National Origin Identification form, Rev 5-82. This form is located at [www.opm.gov/forms](http://www.opm.gov/forms) - then open Standard Forms and select SF-181.
- SF-256, Self Identification of Handicap form, Rev 8/87. This form is located at [www.opm.gov/forms](http://www.opm.gov/forms) - then open Standard Forms and select SF-256.

While completion of these forms is not mandatory, this information aids us in measuring the effectiveness of our outreach efforts.

To obtain a copy of the OF 612 "Optional Application for Federal Employment", log on to [www.usajobs.opm.gov/OF612.htm](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/OF612.htm).

**See Section V for the specific information that MUST be included in your OF-612, resume, or other written application format. While we do not require a standard application form, we MUST have certain information to evaluate your qualifications and determine if you meet legal requirements for Federal employment. For detailed information refer to "Applying for a Federal Job" (OF-510). This is available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/of0510.pdf>.**

Applicants who do not submit the required items will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide documentation/proof of claimed qualification, education, veteran's preference, status (SF-50) and/or verification of eligibility for non-competitive appointment. Applicants will not be contacted for additional information if their applications are incomplete or inadequate.

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**SECTION V: INFORMATION THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR OF-612, RESUME, OR OTHER WRITTEN APPLICATION FORMAT** (Refer to "Applying for a Federal Job" (OF-510). This is available at <http://www.opm.gov/forms/pdfimage/of0510.pdf>.)

Job for which applying: Vacancy Announcement Number, title and grade(s) for which you are applying.

Personal Information:

- Full name, mailing address (with zip code) and day/evening telephone numbers (with area code).
- Social Security Number.
- Country of citizenship.
- Please show the highest Federal civilian grade held, job series, and dates of employment in grade, if applicable.

Education:

- High School name, city, state, and zip code, date of diploma or GED.
- Colleges and/or universities attended, city, state and zip code.
- Major field(s) of study.
- Type and year of degree(s) received. If no degree received, show total credit hours received in semester or quarter hours.

Work Experience: for each paid or non-paid position held related to the job for which you are applying (do not attach job descriptions):

- Job Title (include series and grade if Federal job).
- Duties and accomplishments.
- Number of hours worked per week.
- Employer's name and address.
- Supervisor's name and telephone number.
- Starting and ending date of employment (month and year).
- Salary.
- Indicate if your current supervisor may be contacted.

Other Qualifications:

- Job-related training courses (title and year).
- Job-related skills (e.g., other languages, computer software/hardware, typing speed, etc.)
- Job-related certificates and licenses.
- Job-related honors, awards, and special accomplishments (e.g., publications, memberships in professional or honor societies, leadership activities, public speaking, performance awards, etc.).

**Applicants MUST provide the information required in the announcement, including sufficient information for evaluation of their qualifications and for determining whether they have had one year of relevant experience at the next lower grade to the grade for which applying. Please do not submit your application package in a notebook or binder or in disk format; include extraneous information; or enclose documents related to the above unless specifically requested.**

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**SECTION VI: SUBMITTING APPLICATION MATERIALS:**

Application materials should be mailed to:

**Financial Crimes Enforcement Network  
Human Resources  
Vacancy Announcement: FINCN/08-78888SDS  
P.O. Box 39  
Vienna, VA 22183-0039**

You may FAX your application including any required supplemental documentation (e.g., Evaluation Criteria, SF-50, DD-214, etc.) to (703) 905-5161. It must be received by midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST) on the closing date of this announcement, and you must indicate the announcement number for which you are applying. Feed all documents into your fax machine top first so that we receive them right-side up.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials are received by FinCEN on time and that the materials submitted are properly received and readable. Your application will be considered

incomplete and you will be found ineligible, if you fail to submit the required documentation as specified in the announcement or if the required documents for a complete application package are illegible.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

All application materials **MUST** be either postmarked (or if faxed, received) by the closing date of this Vacancy Announcement. Failure to provide timely, complete information will result in the applicant not receiving consideration for this position. Please do not submit original documents you may need in the future.

**For additional information, please call Charlene Freeman (703) 905-3904. TDD (703) 905-3839.**

**NOTES:**

- All application materials **MUST** be sent to the mailing address shown above or faxed to (703) 905-5161.
- All materials and the envelope **MUST** include the vacancy announcement number.
- Email documents will not be accepted.
- Applications are not to be mailed in U.S. Government "For Official Use Only" postage and fees paid envelopes. Individuals submitting materials using U.S. Government, "Official Use Only" postage and fees paid envelopes will not be considered for the vacancy.
- Applications will become part of the vacancy announcement case file and will not be returned to the applicant.
- Acknowledgment of receipt of the application will be sent to all applicants.

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**SECTION VII: OTHER INFORMATION**

**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS DISPLACED FROM POSITIONS WITH THE FEDERAL CIVILIAN SERVICE OR PANAMA CANAL ZONE:**

Eligible CTAP/ICTAP employees within the commuting area who submit documentary evidence of eligibility (RIF notice or certificate of expected separation or other agency certification) and are found well qualified will receive selection priority as provided by regulations. In order to be determined well qualified, candidates must receive an excellent or good score when rated against each criterion.

Eligible displaced employees of the former Panama Canal Zone who submit documentary evidence of eligibility (a RIF separation notice) and are found well qualified will receive special selection priority to positions throughout the continental United States.

**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:**

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. Applicants should notify the point of contact on this vacancy announcement if a reasonable accommodation is needed for any part of the application and hiring process.

**THE FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK (FINCEN) IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER:**

All candidates will be considered regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, protected genetic information, status as a parent, lawful political affiliation, marital status, physical/mental disability (if not a job factor), membership or non-membership in an employee organization, or any other non-merit factor. To file a complaint of discrimination, contact FinCEN, Office of Outreach and Workplace Solutions on (703) 905-3990 or TDD (703) 905-3838.